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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. RP9-99-048

In re Application of:

CROMER ET AL.

Serial No. 09/281,852

Filed: 31 MARCH 1999

For: **DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM
AND METHOD FOR MAINTAINING
SECURE DATA BLOCKS**

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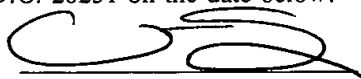
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